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Applicant: Samsoundar, James

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2006, amendment and reconsideration of the above application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.